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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicant(s) : HORN, Carina et al.
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AMINE-N-OXIDES AS REDOX INDICATORS
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed 14 December 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction between allegedly distinct inventions identified by the Examiner as Group I (claims 1-11), said to be drawn to a fluorescence based assay and classified in class 436, subclass 172; and Group II (claim 12), said to be drawn to a reagent composition, classified in class 435, subclass 4.


Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to have the claims of Group I examined on the merits.

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Applicants have filed a complete response to the outstanding Office Action and respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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